

## Early Literacy Activity Centers

The purposes of the early literacy learning stations are

- To promote early literacy skills; as well as
- Inspire children to explore and learn through self-discovery;
- Demonstrate the purpose of reading and writing and inspire children to explore;
- Demonstrate the purpose and power of print;
- Encourage social interactions and oral language development;
- Invite children to gradually understand print concepts;
- Provide practice with real life experiences that require reading; and
- Add an element of fun to the library — kids learn when they are having fun.

A video by Baltimore County Public Library will give you an ideal of the purpose and the model we are using to develop the early literacy learning stations. The video may be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjgZZilw164>.

Currently we are gathering names of libraries who are interested in this project. If you or your library are interested in this project, please email Enid at [enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov). Once a list is compiled we will set up a series of phone conferences to answer questions.

## Points of Interest

**Statistics for the Summer Reading Program and Winter Reading Program Will be gathered through Bibliostat Collect**

**Statistics are due  
November 15.**

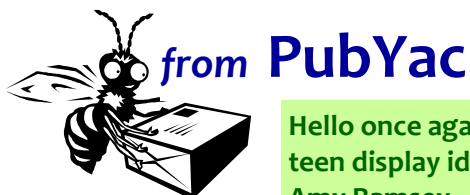
**For more information,  
and a list of the  
information related to  
Youth Services**

*see*

**www.vpl.lib.va.us/  
library-resources/  
bibliostat-collect.html**



**If you have pictures of your library displays, programs or first day event for the summer reading program, could you please send Enid a copy? Also, we would like 92 copies of your summer reading program brochure. One will be kept on file at the Library of Virginia and the rest will be given to the other libraries at the September Directors Meeting. Thanks!**



# Teen Displays

Hello once again, A HUGE thank you to everyone who replied and gave me some GREAT teen display ideas! Below is a compilation of what I received.  
Amy Ramsey - Wichita Public Library

**Greek mythology**—Since Percy Jackson is so big and it was a huge hit. - both fiction and non-fiction

**Judge a book by its cover**—Displays that worked with my teens involved showing books whose title begins with certain letters (like V or W or U - Vulture's Wake, the Wager, Uglies, etc.) or picking books based on the cover's color or if the color was in the title or the author's last name (like Anne of Green Gables or John Green's books). You get an interesting cross-section of what's in your collection & gives teens an opportunity to pick up something they might not usually select on their own, because it really is ok to judge a book by its cover - if the cover doesn't spark interest, no one's going to take it home!

**Book Cover by Colors**—The pages and I collected books with all the same color cover (all pink, all blue, etc) and made a display of books of the same color-that was popular, the pages loved adding books to it and it looks really pretty. I did an all green display for St. Patrick's day and it was great!

**Garden State Teen Book Award**—Nominees with ballots (to encourage voting) and historical winners. The nominees display usually does better circ-wise than the historical winners.

**Have You Read the Undead**—We've recently done a zombie one that was very popular. We included reading list bookmarks for zombie books and stuck them in all the books. We called the display - Have You Read the Undead?

**Never Bored @ Boarding School**—tons of series to choose from for this one!

**Books to Movies**—it's amazing how many of these there are from which to choose.

**Let it snow**—After the new year, I'll pull out my "let it snow" display. Books about and involving snow and the things that live there: Climbing everest, alaska travel guides, snow leopards, penguins, weather books

**YALSA's annual Best Books for Young Adults**

**Guinness Book of World Records and the Ripley's Believe It or Not**, or things like the Darwin Awards

**Author Birthdays**—The author Ray Bradbury has his 90th birthday on August 22. Perhaps you can build a display around Bradbury

**Pretty Little Liars read-alike** - display up now that's been pretty popular

**Break the Silence**—Subject: Fiction dealing with hard topics, such as rape, abuse, drug addiction, gang-related, etc. Anything where a teen is in trouble, trying to overcome an obstacle or afraid to speak out.

Display: We used a huge sign that had words scrawled over it such as, "Break the Silence," "Speak Out," "Make your voice heard". Also displayed were various pictures, such as a teen's face buried in her knees, a mouth with the word SPEAK taped over it, etc. Under these images were words such as "No one knows how this feels" or "The pain was too just too much".

**Banned Books**—Display celebrating books that have been banned or challenged. Some of the teens weren't sure they were allowed to read these. Display: We used caution tape and Warning signs.

**End of the World as We Know It**—In December I'm hoping to do an "End of the World as We Know It" display to showcase some of the post-apocalyptic titles.

See also <http://answers.unshelved.com/questions/25/young-adult-display>





## Upcoming Training Workshops

To Register for a workshop, please go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> or <http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/> and click on calendar of events and the date of the program.

### Mother Goose Training

The workshop will be held over two days September 29 and September 30, 2010.

If for any reason you are not able to attend please contact me – there are people on the waiting list.

#### September 29

Lunch on your own

Workshop will be held at the Library of Virginia 800 East Broad Street, Richmond VA 23219 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

#### September 30

Breakfast on your own

Workshop will be held at the Library of Virginia 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Lunch on your own.

#### Travel

The Library of Virginia will reimburse for travel at a rate of 50 cents per mile. **One car per library.** If you are using your personal car then we will pay you directly. If you are using an agency vehicle the agency (library, county, or city) may bill the Library of Virginia and we will pay the invoice. While the reimbursement form is not difficult to fill out – the state is very strict about having ALL the information in the correct space... this is what we would like to do. We will have forms ready to be filled out for you at the workshop. As much information as you may give us in advance the faster the reimbursement is paid.

- Name
- Mailing address
- Travel begins at—please provide complete address
- Hotel you will be staying at—please provide address
- Will you be picking up any one—if so, please provide complete address

#### Hotels

You or your library will be responsible for your lodging. Paranta has blocked off 25 rooms at Hilton Garden Inn.

This is walking distance from the Library of Virginia. The rooms are \$109 plus tax and include parking for \$18 per day, and discount for breakfast. The hotel has free wireless internet access, fitness room, and swimming pool.

The standard room has two king or queen size beds. The room block is reserved under the name "Mother Goose On the Loose." You must say this to receive the discounted rate. For reservations, call (804) 344-4300

#### Parking

Limited parking is available at the underground parking deck at the Library of Virginia. There is no charge for the parking, but your parking stub must be stamped at the desk in the lobby.

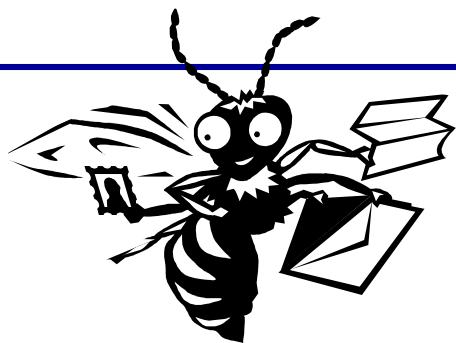
#### Food

Positive Vibe Café — located in the Library of Virginia—lunch sandwiches, soup and salads

Padow's Ham and Deli — inside Richmond City Hall—soup and sandwiches 900 East Broad

Gibson Grill — 7th and Broad—lunch and dinner





### Notes from the Desk of the Children's and Youth Services Consultant

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## Winter Reading Program

To place your orders for  
the  
2011 Winter Reading  
Program,  
please complete the  
online form at  
[www.vpl.lib.va.us/youth-services/winter-reading-program/winter-reading-program.html](http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/youth-services/winter-reading-program/winter-reading-program.html)

Please place your order  
by **August 30.**



## we all International Posters

Over the last decade, classroom teachers have asked us for poster-size versions of the photos from the RPCV International Calendar. Now we have two sets of posters (each set contains five posters) ready for purchase! By the year 2011, the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps, we plan to have created one more set of five, for a total of 15 posters.

We call this series the **we all International Posters** because the set focuses on commonalities we all share globally.

The first set illustrates the basic common needs of food, water, housing, work, and clothing. The second set continues with: we all learn, play, go places, shop, and, need friends.

Each set of five different posters, 36" x 24", is packaged in a mailing tube. Please visit the How to Order page for price information and details. We also offer additional information about each photo and

country under Poster Teaching Resources.



The **we all International Posters**, like the calendar, are designed to share a bit of what volunteers, and those who have gone abroad, have learned with the people back home. Any proceeds will be donated to education and development projects around the world. We think you will find the posters not only a useful teaching tool, but also a beautiful addition to your libraries and offices.

For more information or to order <http://rpcvmadison.org/weall.php>